

**SPUR HILL UNDERGROUND COKING COAL PROJECT
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE
MERTON VINEYARD DENMAN
ON WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 5.30PM**

PRESENT	NAME	ORGANISATION
	Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)	Independent Chairperson
	Wayne Seabrook (WS)	Spur Hill Management Pty Ltd (SHM)
	Kate Kelleher (KK)	Division of Resources & Geoscience
	Donna McLaughlin (DM)	Manager Health, Safety, Environment & Community – Malabar Coal
	Brett Keeping (BK)	Group Representative - Vignerons & Vineyards
	John Sowter (JS)	Community Representative
	Noel Downs (ND)	Group Representative - Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council
	Aaron Moon (AM)	Community Representative
	Fiona Webber (FW)	Community Representative
	Susan Pickersgill (SP)	Community Representative
APOLOGIES	Cr Stephen Ward (SW)	Muswellbrook Shire Council
	Tim Wolfgang (TW)	Community Representative
	Les Jones (LJ)	Community Representative
	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Minute Taker
WELCOME	The meeting was opened at 5.30pm with the Chair welcoming all attendees and introducing Kate Keller as the DRG representative.	
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The Chair advised that there has been no change to her usual declaration appointed by the Deputy Premier, Minister for Industry & Trade (& Minister for Regional NSW) to chair this meeting.	No amendments to previously stated declarations from CCC members present.
CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES	The minutes of the previous meeting of 4 September 2019 were confirmed.	Moved: SP Seconded: BK
BUSINESS ARISING	None - other than DM confirming Maxwell EIS and Summary had been delivered to CCC, Denman Information Centre & Muswellbrook Shire Council.	
CORRESPONDENCE	No discussion.	Emailed with Meeting Notice & Agenda on 29/1/2020.
PRESENTATION ON SPUR HILL UNDERGROUND COKING COAL PROJECT & MAXWELL	<p>WS & DM conducted the Malabar presentation:</p> <p>Spur Hill Coking Coal Project Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented by WS, commencing with the projected work program for the next 5 years, including: Application for renewal of EL7429 for a further 5 years was lodged in October 2019 with DPIE – Division of Resources & Geoscience. 	Copy of presentation attached.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The future exploration program is designed to enhance the understanding of the geological interface between EL7429 & EL5460. • The work program will also provide data to review the previously completed Prefeasibility Study and determine the options for accessing the deposit from the east rather than the previously proposed access in the northwest. • WS noted a change to the mine entry would be required. • BK asked about the entry area. WS noted that it would be similar to the Maxwell Project entry area. • KK asked if Spur Hill would be a modification to the existing project. WS noted that it would be a full EIS as the project would be a state significant development (SSD). <p>Maxwell Infrastructure Rehabilitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented by DM. • Approximately 90ha of rehabilitation complete in 2019 against the target of 86ha. • Completed a spring weed spraying program. • Completed a spring tree planting program. • Undertaken dog trapping on site. • Introduced cattle to the east paddock. • There are now more than 700ha of rehabilitated pasture and woodland. • FW questioned the frequency of the ecological monitoring. DM noted that an annual audit is undertaken on a yearly basis, however areas are progressively monitored throughout the year.. • Referring to the Maxwell Project BK asked if a public meeting would need to occur . WS noted that it would. MMH noted some changes to the IPC guidelines and committed to send out the press release from Minister Stokes. <p>Maxwell Grazing Trial Update</p> <p>Cattle movements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 heifers moved onto site. • 42 Steers (weighing c.500kg) removed off site to be finished off on sorghum. • Resting rehabilitation paddocks over summer and monitoring species diversity. • New growth coming up after the recent rainfall. 	<p>Complete – emailed 13/2/20.</p>
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Maxwell Underground Project update

The public exhibition concluded on 24 September 2019.

- The DPIE received 245 submissions 187 from the community, 44 from organisations and 14 from government agencies.
- Malabar was pleased with the strong endorsement of the project with c.75% of submissions in support.
- Community confidence in the Project recognises the many and real benefits the Maxwell Underground Project offers and the long-term engagement undertaken with its communities.
- It is proposed to continue engaging and listening to the community throughout the DA process and through the life of the Maxwell Underground Project.

The response to submissions (RTS) report was lodged on 20 November 2019.

An analysis of the submissions was presented to the CCC. Stating that the majority of submissions were received from organisations and members of the public in Denman, Muswellbrook and Singleton were supportive of the project.

A progress slide was presented, depicting the milestones for the application's progress. The next milestone will be the conclusion of the assessment report by the DPIE, and the DPIE will provide this report, (including any recommendations) to the IPC for its consideration and determination.

Maxwell Solar Farm update

- Presented by WS.
- The solar farm will occupy approximately 105 ha of previously rehabilitated areas.
- Adjacent to the major electricity generating hub in NSW (Liddell and Bayswater Power Stations) and in proximity to high voltage power lines.

- Installed capacity of 25MW.
- The solar farm would generate enough energy to power about 10,000 local homes.
- FW asked if the electricity would go to the 10,000 homes. WS noted that the electricity may go back into the grid or towards the Maxwell UG Project. KK noted that the reference to 10,000 homes was likely a measure used for comparative purposes.
- EIS & DA lodged in December 2019 and closed for submissions on 3 February 2020; with no objections being received.

Community

Kawul Calling Program

- Malabar partnered with Wakagetti Indigenous Corporation to sponsor a three-day camp for indigenous male youth living in the Hunter Valley.
- The camp provided an opportunity to learn about cultural wellbeing through dance, story and art, as well as explore cultural identity, connection to country, empowerment and leadership.

Junior Rugby Union

Malabar assisted local junior rugby player Louis Bottomley to take part in a rugby tour to New Zealand as the youngest member of the Norther Inland Academy of Sport (NIAS) under 13's team.

Muswellbrook Drought Buster Rodeo

Malabar was a major sponsor of the Muswellbrook Drought Buster Rodeo. Malabar also sponsored local fitter, Scott Carrall, in the novice bull ride.

Denman Pig Races

- Malabar was a silver sponsor at the Denman Pig Races, where the "Malabar Shakin' Bacon" race was the first race of the day.
- Malabar had a marquee on the day, providing an opportunity for the community to ask questions about its projects.
- A total of \$22,000 was raised for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.

Scone Bloom Markets

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Malabar was a major sponsor for the Scone Bloom Markets• The Bloom Markets is the Scone Public School P&C major fundraiser for the year.• Malabar had a marquee at the event providing an opportunity for the community to ask questions about its projects. <p>St Joseph's Intensive Swimming Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Malabar sponsored an intensive swimming program for years K-6. The swimming program was undertaken a week before the school's swimming carnival.• Each child received a bottle of sunscreen. <p>Other sponsorships included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Muswellbrook South Public School Fete• Muswellbrook Public School Annual Presentation• Muswellbrook High School Annual Presentation• Denman Public School Annual Presentation• Denman Junior Cricket• Aberdeen Fire and Rescue Lolly Run• Mt Arthur Wild Dog Association. <p>Long Term Community Contributions</p> <p>Fund Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In 2019 Malabar supported sixteen local organisations.• Since the inception of Malabar's CCF, almost \$500,000 has been distributed to the local community. <p>Air Quality Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DM presented the PM₁₀ TEOM data.• DM noted that the months of October 2019 through to January 2020 were heavily influenced by regional dust storms and smoke from bushfires.• DM noted that all exceedances were reported to DPIE and investigated. <p>Complaints Register</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No complaints registered in this reporting period.• Zero complaints for the 2019 calendar	
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GENERAL BUSINESS	Nil.	
NEXT MEETING	It was proposed that the next meeting of the CCC take place at Merton Vineyard, Denman on Wednesday 27 May 2020 commencing at 5.30pm.	

Meeting closed at 6.20pm with MMH thanking all members for their attendance.

ACTION ITEM

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Send Minister Stokes media release on IPC to CCC. (Complete 13/2/20)	MMH